

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER 667.

AN ACT to authorize the Comptroller of the State Treasury to sell and convey certain real estate in Charles County, standing in the name of the State, to Montgomery A. Carpenter and Carrie B. Carpenter.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to wit.: About the year 1883 Leigh M. Southerland, sheriff of Charles County, in execution of a writ issued out of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County against the lands and tenements of George W. Carpenter, Jr., and John E. Carpenter, the said George W. Carpenter, Jr., being under bond to answer a charge against him in said court, and the said John E. Carpenter being one of his bondsmen, which bail piece was forfeited; sold to the State of Maryland the interest in remainder of the said George W. Carpenter, Jr., and John E. Carpenter in and to certain real estate in Charles County subject to the life estate of George W. Carpenter, Sr., which life estate has recently terminated by the death of the said George W. Carpenter, Sr., the said interest of the George W. Carpenter, Jr., and John E. Carpenter being two-thirds of a tract of land known as "Cherry Tree," containing in the whole about ten hundred acres, and also another tract of land known as "Saint Edward's," containing about three hundred and sixty-five acres, in which the interest of the said George W. Carpenter, Jr., and John E. Carpenter was one-third of the whole; and

WHEREAS, The said property has greatly depreciated in value; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland, in order to assert and maintain its title in said land to the extent of its lien or claim thereon, would now be compelled to institute a suit on the equity side of the Circuit Court for Charles County, either for partition in kind, or else for a sale of partition, which would be both expensive and tedious; and

WHEREAS, As far as the records of the Comptroller's office show, this is the only instance of such acquisition of real estate by the State, under such proceedings; and

WHEREAS, The said Montgomery Carpenter and Carrie B. Carpenter, brother and sister of the said George W. Carpenter, Jr., and John E. Carpenter, are desiring of purchasing the interest of the State of Maryland in their maternal property; therefore,